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PRODUCING SOME EVIDENCE THAT U.S. INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE BAHRAIN HAS A BILLION DOLLAR HOUSING PROBLEM STRIKES US AS AN IMPELLING OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OUR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS SERVE OUR POLITICAL ONES AND VICE VERSA. THEREFORE REQUEST YOU WEIGH IN WITH COMMERCE AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN AN EFFORT TO GET THEM TO CONVINCE THE INDIANA GROUP TO SEND ITS ADVANCE MEN TO BAHRAIN TO MAKE A QUICK SURVEY OF THE HOUSING MARKET AND TO MEET RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED THEREIN. FROM OUR INEXPERT PERSPECTIVE, THIS SEEMS THE OPPORTUNE TIME FOR AMERICAN HOUSING INTERESTS TO MAKE THEIR PRESENCE FELT IN BAHRAIN; GOB AGREES. AS NOTED REF B, WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GOB CONCERNS ON THE IMPORTANT SOCIO-POLITICAL PROBLEM OF SHORTAGE OF HOUSING FOR MIDDLE AND WORKING CLASS BAHRAINIS.

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